

Table 3: DRAFT "no backsliding" recommendations showing distribution of flow levels within biological categories

					Number of subbasins in each flow level (flow levels based on % alteration of unimpacted August median flow)								
Recommendations to prevent backsliding*		Biological Category			0 to 5%	5 to 15%	15 to 35%	35 to 45%	45 to 55%	55 to 65%	65 to 75%	75 to 85%	85 to 100%
Biological Category	no movement down	stay within biological category & flow level or improve	# of subbasins	% of subbasins	1	2	3	4a	4b	4c	5a	5b	5c
1	X		81	6%	81								
2		X	101	7%	100	1							
3		X	201	15%	194	6	1						
4		X	218	16%	175	31	11	1					
5		X	772	56%	214	195	173	36	24	25	13	14	78
Totals:			1373	100%	764	233	185	37	24	25	13	14	78
				% of subbasins	56%	17%	13%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	6%

* Framework to move down a flow level will be established through a process that allocates water if it is needed for public health, safety, economic development, or other Water Management Act considerations.

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